HOLDEN R-III
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
March 16, 2026
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Nathan Haun at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School library.

Roll Call: Six members were physically present. Matt Ferguson arrived at 7:31 p.m.

Board Norms: The Board reviewed their norms.

Agenda: A motion by Sarah Abel, second by Ann Cates to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda: A motion by Alex Haun, second by Bobby Zimmer to approve the consent agenda which included: 1) Minutes from the February 9th meeting & March 2nd Leadership Training; 2) Payment of Bills and Financial Statement; and 3) Sub List Changes. Motion carried 6-0.

Board Recognition: March is School Board Appreciation Month. School Board members were recognized for their time and dedication to the Holden R-III School Board by Dr. Hough. Each board member received cards, gifts and items of thanks and appreciation from students and staff of each building.

Communications: None.

Reports:

1. Alternative Instruction Report—Grant Guevel, HS Principal, presented the Alternative Instruction report. He highlighted each program and current enrollment for Dual Credit Online, Edmentum, Launch, Summit Technology Academy and Warrensburg Area Career Center programs. Dr. Guevel also shared areas of growth. (Report attached to minutes.

2. Superintendent's Report—Dr. Hough shared the following items in his report:

   a) MSBA Board Report Video – The March Board Report video reviewed where Missouri schools are with AI in 2026 and how school leaders can learn more about the evolving technology. It also touched on issues of the 2026 Missouri legislative session. The video also recognized School Board Appreciation month.
   b) Legislative Update – Dr. Hough shared aspects of state legislature, open enrollment and senate bills and how issues could possibly affect the school district and surrounding community services in the future. Senate Bill 3 will be an issue placed before the voters in April regarding a 0% increase in property taxes on residential property. This will significantly affect funding in the district that would reduce teaching staff and student programs and increase the number of students per classroom. This bill will also negatively affect community services such as fire protection, police, ambulance services, health and human services and libraries. Due to the reduction in community protection services, community members could see a dramatic increase in insurance premiums, which could offset the property tax savings or potentially increase a community members overall annual costs.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. OSBA Participation Agreement & District Contribution – A motion by Bobby Zimmer, second Tonyea Inglis to approve the OSBA Participation Agreement. The district contribution will increase $76 for the amount of $816.00 for the 2026-27 school year as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

2. SAVVAS Learning Company Approval. A motion by Ann Cates, second by Tonyea Inglis to approve the quote from SAVVAS Learning Center for ELA and Science curriculum materials for Kindergarten through 9th Grade for the total amount of $334,459.65 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Policy Review:

1. **MSBA Board Policy Review – Section I – No action needed**

2. **MSBA Update 2025E - A motion by Sarah Abel, second by Ann Cates to approve the MSBA Update 2025E as presented. Motion carried 7-0.**

Miscellaneous:

1. **Board President Updates— Board President Nathan Haun updated the Board on the April 13th agenda items of Community Relations, Elementary Student Achievement, Winter Activities, School Climate survey and Superintendent's reports. New business will include Organizational meeting, appointing board delegates, adopting staff salaries, budget amendments and approval of MSBA service agreement. Board policy Section J will also be reviewed.**

2. **MSBA Summer Summit, June 14-16, Osage Beach, MO**
3. **MSBA Annual Conference, October 22-24, Kansas City, MO**

Executive Session: **A motion by Alex Haun, second by Bobby Zimmer to hold an executive session as per section 610.022 following the April 13th meeting. After roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.**

A motion by Alex Haun, second by Bobby Zimmer to hold an executive session as per section 610.021 following tonight's meeting regarding (3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting particular employees. After roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment: **A motion by Bobby Zimmer, second by Georgia Jarman to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.**

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Tracy Shumate, Secretary Nathan Haun, President